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Officers for the 2018-2019 year were sworn into office recently at the regular meeting of the Westland Rotary Club when annual service awards were also presented.

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Plymouth Township to vote on millage

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *If approved by voters Nov. 6, the proposal will impose a 1.2 mill tax levy for a period of 18 years to fund the police and fire departments in the township.*

Plymouth Township officials approved a combined ballot proposal for a public safety millage during a special meeting last Tuesday. If approved by voters Nov. 6, the proposal will impose a 1.2 mill tax levy for a period of 18 years to fund the police and fire departments in the township. The millage request is intended to cover unfunded legacy payments and aid critical public safety funding, officials said

Agreement to place the question on the ballot prompted prolonged discussion among board members, which at times became heated. The ballot initiative was approved by a 5-2 vote, with Trustees Jack Dempsey and Chuck Curmi casting the dissenting votes.

According to Township Treasurer Mark Clinton, the proposal was sparked by the critical need to address the rapidly aging fleet of fire trucks and ambulance vehicles still in use by the township fire department. He noted that recent changes in state law mandate higher levels of funding and greater oversight on municipal unfunded pension, retirement and healthcare obligations for police and fire personnel, referred to as OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits.)

Clinton said that after an in-depth investigation, he determined that the new state legislation leaves the township in a perilous position. The treasurer told board members last week that unless action is taken, the general fund will be unable to handle the legacy costs and OPEB obligations and will be exhausted in just five years. He said that of the current $14 million general fund budget, $5 million is dedicated for public safety salaries.

"We haven't prepared for the future, that's why we're here today," Clinton said.

The township unfunded pension liability stands at $9.5 million and the unfunded OPEB liability at $16.3 million, and is now classified as underfunded according to state law.

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Kids' Day

Farmers market celebrates youth

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kid's Day at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market July 12 was a hit with the young - and the young at heart.

"We've got books on this side and that side," called out Irene Seguin, a Westland resident and Friends of the Library trustee. She gave an armload of free books to Westland resident Folake, who was out shopping with her kids at the book tent.

"You've got beautiful kids," Seguin told Folake, as their group moved away to explore the market, which runs 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through mid-October at the buildings on Carlson south of Ford Road, next to Tattan Park.

Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, was happy to talk about the volunteer-driven Westland Blues, Brews and Barbeque festival, which will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4, at Central City Park, 36601 Ford Road.

"It's a great community event and the residents like it," Swope said of Westland Blues, Brews and Barbeque. "It's an event where we're able to give back."

That's because groups like the Jaycees, Rotary and others who put in volunteer hours working at the myriad of jobs that need done to ensure the smooth operation in of the festival, like parking help to event cleanup, get checks back in return based on volunteer hours put in.

Originally, Westland Blues, Brews and Barbeque took place in September. "Once September hit, the kids were back in school and families got busier," said Swope of the switch to an August festival.

Jan DeWulf sells fresh produce during the July 12 Westland All-American Farmers & Artisans Market.

Back at the market's Friends of the Library tent July 12, several volunteers from the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland group were making sure young minds stay engaged this summer.

"Community outreach," said Lynne Hagmann of Westland, Friends secretary. Added Seguin, "We do want to promote literacy. And kids love it. This is time to read and enjoy books. This is not school."

They were joined by Betty Bennett of Westland, Friends treasurer, and several other library volunteers.

Police upgrades in budget

The recent budget approved by members of the Westland City Council included major investments in the public safety department.

Included in the budget was funding for four police officers previously funded through a federal grant. Those salaries will now be fully paid by the city. The budget also allows for the hiring of four new emergency dispatchers. The cost for the four employees will be shared between the four communities the dispatch center serves. The additional positions will be filled once background investigations are completed, officials said.

Westland will also purchase three new police patrol vehicles from North Brothers Ford as replacements for existing, outdated patrol vehicles being used by the department. The total cost of the purchase is $97,166.

Also budgeted is the purchase of 35 bullet proof vests from On Duty Gear, LLC. The city is committed to ensuring every officer has new, dependable equipment, noted Mayor William R. Wild.. These vests are replaced every 5 years to ensure the safety of officers. The total cost of the purchase is $27,650.

Purchase of radio equipment from Motorola Solutions is also included in the public safety category of the city budget. New portable radios will be carried by officers. With this $54,043 purchase all officers will be provided with new radios, Wild said.

In addition, body cameras will be purchased for police officers, which the department does not currently have. This will enhance the safety of Westland Police Officers as well as Westland residents. The cost for one year leasing agreement is $99,418.32, according to information provided by Wild's office.

"The City of Westland remains committed to providing our police with the tools and resources they need to keep our residents safe," commented Wild. "I thank the Westland City Council for their support and for their shared vision in the importance of funding for public safety personnel and equipment."

Standoff ends in suspect surrender

A 51-year-old man from Monroe has been charged with multiple felonies including assault with intent to murder after the stabbing of a 44-year-old Northville Township woman.

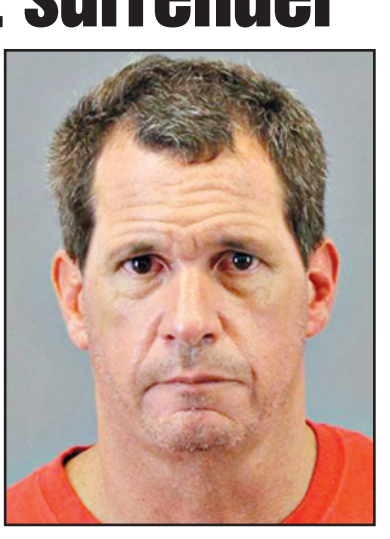
Christian Andrew Gardner was arrested at about 3 a.m. July 13 following a nearly 5-hour standoff with police officers called to a condominium in the 19500 block of Northridge Drive in Northville Township. Officers were called to the home of the victim at about 9:50 p.m. July 12 in response to a domestic incident. When officers arrived at the scene they encountered a woman outside the home bleeding copiously from apparent stab wounds and a man on the balcony of the residence.

Officers said the woman had visible stab wounds to her abdomen and cuts to her hands and fingers and as they approached, the man shouted obscenities at them and then retreated inside the residence and refused to come out.

According to police reports, the responding officers had reason to believe the suspect was armed. Initial attempts to get the suspect to come out of the residence were unsuccessful, police said, and aid from the Michigan State Police Emergency Services Unit was requested. The state unit responded to the scene with additional personnel including crisis negotiators.

The woman was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for surgery as part of the treatment of her injuries which were determined to be non-life threatening. It is alleged that Gardner stabbed the victim multiple times.

Just after 3 a.m. Gardner surrendered to police officers without further incident, according to police reports. No shots were fired during the event.



Christian Andrew Gardner

According to reports from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Gardner and the woman were acquainted.

Reportedly, the woman had a personal protection order

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Canton

Rally on Ridge

15th annual event benefits Farmer's Market

The fifth Annual Rally on Ridge is planned for 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, July 21.

The event at Preservation Park and the Cherry Hill District will include food, fun, music, and entertainment all to benefit the Canton Farmers Market.

Both Preservation Park and the Cherry Hill District will play host to food trucks featuring gourmet menus, as well as live music from local artists. Event-goers who plan to stay for the music are encouraged to bring along a lawn chair or picnic blanket. No need to choose just one stop, stroll between the two nearby locales to enjoy vendors in both spots.

To allow for a larger event footprint, Ridge Road will be closed from 3:30 until 10 p.m. from Cherry Hill Road north to Denton Road. More than 20 food trucks and vendors are tentatively expected to take part in the event. Find a complete list of participating food trucks on the Canton Farmers Market Facebook page the week of the event. In addition, a Beer Garden featuring hard cider selections will also be available for participants 21 years of age and older in the Cady-Boyer Barn.

"We're excited to bring back this popular annual event that has become a great date night, where participants can enjoy a pleasant evening outside and some delicious eats from a fantastic lineup of gourmet food trucks, as well as talented local entertainment," said Farmers Market Coordinator Sheree Buckman. "It's the perfect event for showcasing the home of the Canton Farmers Market while building community support for market programming."

A portion of the proceeds collected from food vendor sales during this special fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating its 12th season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and in customers. As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 14.

This year, the 2018 Rally on Ridge main event sponsor is Edward Jones, Financial Advisor. Entertainment is sponsored by Rose Lang Realtor. Additional sponsorship support is being provided by the Red Head Salon.

No admission is required for either location. For additional information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Williams named as task force chairman

Pat Williams

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams has been appointed chairperson of the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG) Legislative Policy Platform Task Force, a position that will allow Williams to help guide priorities for federal and state legislators in the southeast Michigan region.

Additionally, Williams was re-elected to serve on both the Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) and Regional Clearinghouse Review Committee (RC2) and for SEMCOG at the annual meeting earlier this month.

"I am very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to represent Canton on these very important committees," said Williams. "My participation should help to guide projects and funding for our region's needs."

The TCC works to develop and implement a regional long-range transportation plan. This includes monitoring and implementing the plan through the Transportation Improvement Program and recommending transportation projects and amendments. This work is enhanced by including a diverse set of stakeholders on the council, including those with expertise in local economic development, the environment, workforce development, and education. Goals are to align planning initiatives, improve project coordination, and enhance regional performance measures.

The RC2 oversees applications for federal and state assistance in southeast Michigan. The applications are reviewed for consistency with adopted regional plans and policies. RC2 also selects projects to be funded annually by the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - approximately $5 million per year.

Teen safety seminar is Saturday

The Canton Public Safety Department is partnering with Canton Leisure Services to present a Personal Safety for Your Teen and College-Bound Student Seminar from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21.

The special presentation will take place at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This free seminar is open to participants 14 years of age and older who will learn some basic lifeskills that will help them make the transition into adulthood.

Participants will also see a demonstration of simple self-defense techniques presented by instructors from The American Karate Academy of Canton.

There is no cost for this seminar, however registration is encouraged. Sign up online at www.cantonfun.org with code 4100.101.

For additional information or to register for this class, visit www.cantonfun.org, or call (734) 394-5460.

Charter Township of Canton

Notice of Public Accuracy Test

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The test will take place on **Monday, July 23rd at 5:00p.m. in the Clerk's Office**, in the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Michael Siegrist, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
AUGUST 9th, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: JUNE 14th, 2018 MINUTES

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Adrian Foca for property located at 746 Stonehenge Drive, between S. Lilley and S. Haggerty Roads, Zoning R-3, appealing Section 78-131 4(a) 4(b); 78-128 (s); 78-129 (j) Parcel ID 71-083-02-0012-000(Building)

2. Applicant Steven Kwapis for property located at 6535 Lambeth Way, on the West side of Lambeth Way between Hanford and Waddington roads, Zoning R-2 appealing Article V - Fences, Walls and Borders 78-129 (h) Parcel ID 71-034-03-1398-000 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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July 27, 2018

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus man among elder abuse victims

A 48-year-old Romulus man was the victim of repeated abuse while a patient at the Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE) in Livonia.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy filed criminal charges against staff members of the facility, located in the 33500 block of Schoolcraft Road, last week. Facing various abuse charges including vulnerable adult abuse third degree, assault and battery, intent to do great bodily harm by strangulation and failure to report abuse of the elderly are several staff members.

Thomas May of Westland and Demetris Hunt, 28, of Wayne are accused of physically assaulting three men at the facility including a 26-year-old from Redford, the 48-year-old man from Romulus and a 51-year-old patient from Dearborn Heights. All were mental health patients at the facility. Also charged were Kyle Jackson, 30 of Oak Park, Wynton Dixon, 57, of Detroit, Victor Peterson of River Rouge, 60, and Delvan Johnson, 24, of Redford.

Additionally, it is alleged that staff psychiatrist Dr. Hanumaiah Bandla, 64, of West Bloomfield, nurse Erma Owens, 79, of Inkster, and project manager Beth Ellen Sharlow, 51, of Redford, failed to report the abuse of the three men.

Worthy said in a prepared statement that more complete facts and the evidence in the case will be presented on the record in court.

Jackson was arraigned on July 11, and received a $5000 or 10 percent cash or surety bond. Sharlow was arraigned and received a personal bond while Johnson received a $10,000/10 percent bond. All other arraignments were scheduled for 16th District Court in Livonia last week.

"The alleged abuse inflicted by these defendants is shocking. The victims sought psychiatric help and were met with the opposite of help. We have to be much better than this. People that seek assistance deserve compassion, respect, and treatment that is beyond reproach," Worthy said.

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The charges include:

1. March 9 through 11-victim: 51-year-old man from Dearborn Heights: defendant May, vulnerable adult abuse; 3rd degree, assault and battery; defendant Johnson, vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree, assault and battery.

2. March 16 through 17-victim: 26-year-old man from Redford; defendant Jackson - vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree (two counts), assault and battery (two counts)

Defendant Dixon - vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree, assault and battery

3. Charges from March 17-victim: 48-year-old man from Romulus

Defendant Jackson - assault with intent to do great bodily harm by strangulation, vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree (two counts)

Defendant Dixon - assault with intent to do great bodily harm by strangulation, vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree

4. Charges from March 16-victim: 48-year-old Romulus man; Defendant Hunt - vulnerable adult abuse 3rd degree, assault and battery

5. Charges from March 17 through 23-victim: 48-year-old Romulus man

Defendant Bandla - Failure to report abuse of a mental health recipient

Defendant Sharlow; failure to report abuse of a mental health recipient

6. Charges from March 9 through March 11-victim: 51-year-old Dearborn Heights man

Defendant Dixon- failure to report abuse of mental health recipient

7. Charges from March 15 through 18-victims: 48-year-old man from Romulus and 26-year-old man from Redford

Defendant Hunt-assault and battery, failure to report abuse of mental health recipient

8. Charges from March 16-victim: 48-year-old man from Romulus

Defendant Owens-failure to report abuse of a mental health recipient.

Van Buren OK's sale of bonds to fund walkway

The nearly $3 million cost to construct a new pedestrian walkway across I-94 at Belleville Road will be funded with state grants and the sale of municipal bonds.

The Van Buren Township downtown Development Authority (DDA) was awarded a Michigan Department of Transportation grant of $250,000, a Southeaster Michigan Council of Government (SEMCA) grant for $250,000 and $300,000 in professional engineering services from the Michigan Department of Transportation to help fund the project.

Construction on the project, a .35 mile, 14-foot-wide concrete walkway was to have begun earlier this week. The walkway will include LED pedestrian lighting, approach work and pavement markings.

Members of the DDA board unanimously agreed to authorize the sale of tax-free municipal bonds in an amount not to exceed $2 million during the regular meeting June 26.

The bonds, according to an attorney with the Miller Canfield firm, will require no full faith and credit of the township.

The DDA will repay the bond payments with tax-capture funding. The percentage on the bonds will not exceed 5 percent, according to the attorney and were priced July 10. The DDA should have the funding by July 26, he said.

Celebrating summer

Nothing says summer in Inkster like the Summer Music Festival which celebrated 20 years in the community July 7 and 8. This year the crowds enjoyed fireworks, musical entertainment, merchandise vendors and attractions for children. Summerfest Chairwoman Ruth E. Williams said the community was united by the event which celebrates positivity and economic growth in the city. The event also featured a Sunday church service featuring live gospel performances from Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. Photos courtesy of the City of Inkster.

Clothing giveaway is planned

Lighthouse Home Mission in Westland will host a free clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. July 27 and 28.

This year, clients can also purchase a new gray cloth bag for $2 and can fill it to the top with clothing. There is no limit to the number of bags that can be purchased.

The mission address is 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

For more information, call (734)536-1761.

City of Romulus

Public Notice

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority Citizen's Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the draft amendments to the Downtown Development Plan for the DDA District. This is an Open Meeting. Downtown residents and others are encouraged to attend and will be provided opportunity to speak. This notice is given pursuant to ACT 197 of the Public Acts of 1975.

Merrie Druyor, Director
Romulus Downtown Development Authority

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE

Public Test of the Democracy Suite
Image Cast Precinct Tabulator Voting System for the
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

PLEASE BE ADVISED that a **PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST** of the Image Cast Precinct Tabulator Voting System (ICP) will take place at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Charter Township of Plymouth in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election.

The purpose of the Public Accuracy Test is to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election is accurate, properly records the votes cast and meets the requirements of law.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

For further information contact the Clerk's Office at (734) 354-3228.

Jerry Vorva,
Township Clerk

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 2, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: Kathy Abdo.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg. Clerk
Absent: Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-228 2A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 25, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried**.
18-229 2B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the public hearing of the Romulus City Council held on June 25, 2018 – Demolition List 18-01. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report
18-230 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Donald Robert Flood. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-231 4B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of David White, Sr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff recognized the Fire, Police, and DPW departments for their fine job during the fireworks presentation and a thank you to Mr. Mike Koza, Romulus businessman, for his sponsorship of the event. The mayor also presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-232 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and approve to amend the City's existing contract with George W. Auch Company in an amount totaling $1,749,365 for all the sub-contracted trade work ($1,523,845) and testing, allowances, reimbursable general conditions, and any contingency for unforeseen conditions (additional $225,520). This amendment is Bid Package No. 2 for foundation, steel and elevator phase of construction. (Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked if the funds have been verified for these acquisitions – it was confirmed by Director of Public Services, Robert McCraight, that in fact they were included in the budget). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-233 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-01 to reallocate funding from FY 17/18 Budget to FY 18/19 Budget to account for part of the 34th District Court project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg spoke about the ballot for the upcoming August 7, 2018 State Primary Election.
18-234 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a special meeting (open study session) on July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Saw Grant Proposal. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report: None.
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented on the landfill and Waste Management. A resident commented about the photographer who took pictures of a citizen who spoke at the last Council meeting. Councilwoman Webb thanked the resident who spoke about the landfill and Waste Management.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilwoman Talley thanked the resident who commented on the landfill and Waste Management.
9. New Business: None
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Williams spoke about the residents' right to voice their opinions on what type of development they would like to see come to the City of Romulus.
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 2, 2018.

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Wayne - Westland

Sworn in
New officers lead Rotary

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Devin Adams, controller for the City of Westland, is looking forward to his new duties as president of the Westland Rotary Club for 2018-19.

Adams noted that the standards for the job were set pretty high by his predecessor.

"She did a great job and I definitely have some big shoes to fill," he said of outgoing president Maria Mitter, a Wayne-Westland school staff member.

Adams also told Mitter than with his installation, she became the "second youngest" club president.

Adams thanked his fiancee, his mother and his City of Westland colleagues for support, along with the Westland Rotary members, "and especially Dick Isham, who we all call Chief."

Adams noted of Rotarians, "They all pretty much created the blueprint for success," and followed the Rotary creed of Service Above Self.

Adams vowed to reach out to those in need during his year as president, saying, "I've always had a strong family foundation."

Local chiropractor Dr. Amanda Apfelblat was lauded as an honorary Rotarian for her extensive community involvement, particularly in Westland and Wayne.

"The Rotary has meant so much to me. You are always there," said Apfelblat.

Mitter gave the Service Above Self award to longtime Westland Rotarian Jeff Juenemann.

"He exemplifies Rotary. Mr. Juenemann, this award is for you."

Mary McGaw of Rotary garnered the Rotarian of the Year award, with Mitter noting, "Mary has been a great champion."

In installing officers and directors, Assistant District Governor Jerry Richardson said, "This is one of the things I really enjoy doing. It's exciting. Each president offers their own unique perspective."

Richardson, who belongs to the Rotary Club of Belleville, gave Adams a president's pin and club flag.

"Fly that with pride and great gusto," he said. Richardson told the other club leaders, "You all got sworn in because it's a big responsibility. Anybody who's coming in now is standing on the shoulders of giants."

Joining Adams as officers for the coming Westland Rotary year are: John Albrecht, president-elect; Isham, treasurer/secretary; Mitter as past president and Margaret Harlow, Kathleen Johnson, Mary McGaw, Paul Motz, Kristi Nimsgern, Don Oesterwind, and Mary Vellardita, directors.

Westland Rotary meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, on the south side of Joy Road east of Middlebelt Road in Westland. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

Outgoing Westland Rotary President Maria Mitter, left, congratulates honorary Rotarian Dr. Amanda Apfelblat, a local chiropractor. Apfelblat was lauded at the June 28 club luncheon for her extensive community involvement, particularly in Wayne and Westland.

Criminal charges filed in fatal Wayne car crash

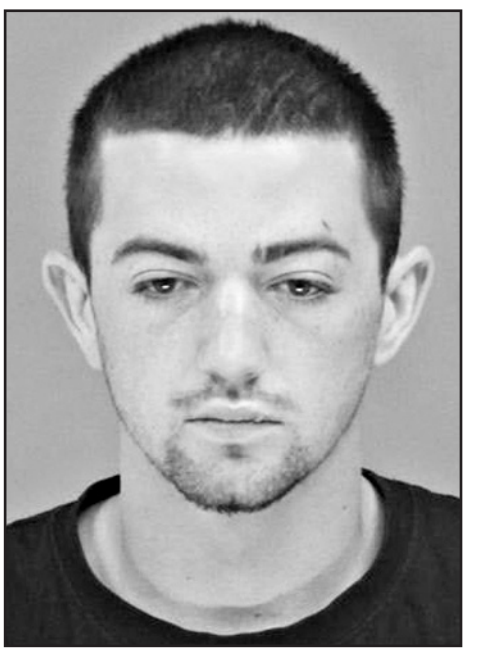
A Canton Township man faces criminal charges as a result of a fatal vehicle crash in Wayne.

Last week, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy changed Tyler Robinson, 25, in connection with the incident that took place at 11:30 p.m. July 6 at Wayne Road and East Michigan Avenue. It is alleged that Robinson disregarded a red light and crashed into a car, killing a 54-year-old woman from West Bloomfield.

Wayne police officers were dispatched to crash scene and reportedly smelled the odor of intoxicants on Robinson. He was taken to a local hospital for treatment and was subsequently arrested by Wayne Police officers at 6:30 a.m. July 7.

Robinson has been charged with Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death and Reckless Driving Causing Death. He was arraigned July 9 before Judge Laura Redmond Mack in 29th District Court in Wayne. The judge ordered a $500,000 cash bond.

A probable cause conference in the case was scheduled for July 17 before Mack.


Tyler Robinson

Friends seek help

The City of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers.

FRIENDS will take place this year on Saturday, Sept. 8 or, if it rains, Sept. 15. The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident who cannot perform maintenance work due to financial or medical situations.

The day (usually about 6 hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, t-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments are provided on site.

Youth Groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

To volunteer or for more information, call the Community Development Department at (734) 722-2000 or email Albert Damitio, the FRIENDS chairperson, at damitioalb@gmail.com.

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Suspect arrested in attempted home invasions

A 37-year-old man from Lima, Ohio was arrested on Saturday, July 7 in Farmington Hills by a multijurisdictional team of police officers.

The man is suspected of committing home invasions in Northville Township and other areas of Western Wayne County, South Oakland County and Washtenaw County.

Northville Township Police initiated a comprehensive investigation involving this suspect on June 15, when exterior home surveillance video captured a male figure wearing dark clothing, a ski mask and gloves trying to gain entry into homes in the overnight hours, usually between midnight and 5 a.m.

The Northville Township Crime Data Analyst reviewed the incidents and together with police officers executed an action plan including time specific increased patrols in targeted neighborhoods with high-visibility. During this time, officers discovered unlocked cars and open garage doors. Officers were able to speak with residents and see that their homes and vehicles were secured.

> *The suspect is currently in custody at the Oakland County Jail charged with home invasionstemming from the Farmington Hills incidents.*

The Western Wayne Community Response Team, a multijurisdictional group of police officers from area departments including Northville Township, assisted in the development of a suspect and his arrest when members of the team observed the suspect attempting to enter homes.

Police officers from the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, Farmington Hills Police, Michigan State Police and a West Bloomfield Police Department K9 team assisted in the apprehension of the suspect and the follow up investigation.

The suspect is currently in custody at the Oakland County Jail charged with home invasionstemming from the Farmington Hills incidents.

Detectives from Northville Township interviewed the suspect while he was in custody at Farmington Hills Police.

The evidence and circumstances of the Northville Township investigation have been submitted to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor where a determination of charges will be made on the Northville Township crimes.

Millage

FROM PAGE 1

Clinton estimated replacement of township fire apparatus could cost $4.8 million in the next 18 years.

Last year a state authorized task force found a collective $7.46 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and $10.13 billion in unfunded health care liabilities hidden in local governmental finances according to an official report published July 2017.

Clinton told board members last week, "We're not (currently) addressing the unfunded liability issues for OPEB, we're simply paying the bills as we receive them…This (millage) will give us enough opening capital to pay those bills."

Clinton said the millage, "as a bare minimum" would provide the funds necessary to make the required annual payments. He reported that $17 million would be required during the next 18 years to adjust the public-safety staffing levels at an anticipated 2-percent annual rate of inflation. He told board members if the township were to pay off the entire OPEB obligation, the millage would have to be close to 3 mills for 9 years. The millage will yield $2.1 million annually at the current taxable value of property in the township.

Dempsey said he supports the measures to pay pension and healthcare obligations along with the procurement and maintenance of police and fire equipment but objected to the verbiage dealing with salary adjustments for public safety services.

Curmi adamantly opposed moving forward on the entire proposal while pushing for further study and discussion claiming it wasn't "well planned and worked out."

"You guys love to make it look like we're going broke," he said during the discussion.

"We need to have some agreement with all employees-we have other employees we have OPEB for…this permeates the 125-year-old fire model which is obsolete today-it's 75 percent medical-it doesn't address what to do with HVA (Huron Valley Ambulance)"

Curmi's comment referred to the recent approval of a board resolution seeking bids for contract ambulance services and the consideration of in-house fire department hospital transport. HVA, a huge enterprise, has operated in the township for decades without any contractual performance obligation and has been the frequent subject of criticism for long response times and unavailability of ambulances. The township has allowed HVA, a non-profit corporation, to invoice residents and patients for EMS transport services and retain the revenue since 1991 when the deal was approved by former Township Supervisor Maurice Breen.

Township officials plan to file the following language for a ballot referendum with Wayne County by the July 31 deadline.

"Shall the Charter Township of Plymouth impose an increase of 1.2 mills ($1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the charter township tax levy limitation imposed under MCL 42.27 for a period of 18 years, 2018 through 2035 inclusive, with the revenues to be used only for: 1) paying pension, retirement, and healthcare obligations for public safety personnel; 2) obtaining, maintaining, and improving fire and police equipment and facilities; and 3) providing police, fire, and dispatch public safety services, thereby raising in the fire year $2,100,000."

Standoff

FROM PAGE 1

against Gardner and had moved to Northville following the breakup of their relationship.

Gardner has been charged with three counts of assault with intent to murder, felonious assault, resisting and obstructing the police, and domestic violence second offense and as a habitual offender.

Gardner was arraigned on the felony charges by Judge James Plakas at the 35th District Court on July 13. His bond was set at $1 million/no 10 percent and should he be released on bail, he must wear an alcohol tether. Gardner's next court appearance is scheduled for July 27, at the 35th District Court for a probable cause conference.

Gardner was unable to pay the bond and is currently lodged at the Wayne County Jail.

In a prepared statement, representatives from the Northville Township Police Department thanked local and state partners from the Michigan State Police, City of Northville Police Department as well as the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Police departments for their assistance in the resolution of this incident.

Fore?

Fate of Hilltop Golf Course to be discussed

A public information-gathering session regarding Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township has been set for 7 p.m. next Thursday, July 26 at the Four-Seasons Pavilion at Township Park.

The session will be moderated by Paul Albanese, a partner at Albanese & Lutzke, a Plymouth-based golf course design and planning company acting as the planning consultants for the township regarding the golf course.

Albanese and township officials are encouraging residents and users of Hilltop Golf Course to share their thoughts on the design, use, and potential integration of other non-golf features at Hilltop. Various ideas and concepts on the future design and appearance of Hilltop Golf Course will be reviewed and discussed, according to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

"Paul (Albanese) is a great resource for Plymouth Township and brings a lifetime of experience in designing golf courses that are challenging and profitable," Heise said. "Hiring Paul's firm was one of the recommendations of our all-volunteer Golf Course Study Committee which the township formed earlier this year."

> *The session will be moderated by Paul Albanese, a partner at Albanese & Lutzke...*

"An added benefit to retaining Paul's firm is that he and his staff, in addition to golf design experience, have experience in the design of non-golf landscapes as well, Heise added.

Albanese's firm was hired by the township board of trustees on June 12 under a $14,000 professional consulting contract. He is expected to present a master plan for the course to the board members in September.

Residents with questions, comments, or suggestions on the future of Hilltop Golf Course can call Heise at (734) 354-3201 or email him at supervisor@plymouthtwp.org.

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Calendar of events

Life Line screenings offered

Residents living in and around Romulus can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Romulus Senior Center will host this community event on July 23 at the center, 36525 Bibbins St. in Romulus.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis along with kidney and thyroid function.

Screenings are accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at $149, but consultants will work with patients to create a package based on individual age and risk factors. A Wellness Gold Membership Program which allows customers to get all the screenings they need, but pay $19.95 a month is also available. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Summer music series begins

Music Lakeside,a free summer music series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, will present entertainment every Thursday evening through Aug. 16. The concerts will take place in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville and will feature musical entertainment by the water.

Visitors should bring lawn chairs, blankets, or arrive by boat. Food is available this year from Cosa Sabrosa, a new addition, featuring fresh tacos, burritos, salsas and much more. Also returning will be Egan's Pub and The Gelato Wagon.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved tot the Methodist Church across the street.

Mr. B. will perform in concert Aug. 16.

Circles of Hope Camp opens

New Hope Center for Grief Support will host Circles of Hope Camp from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 26 and 27 at Maybury Farm.

The free grief camp is designed for children ages 5-14 who have lost a loved one. The camp will teach children how animals can help one cope with loss, connect with others and remain calm in situations. There will be barn and garden tours, crafts and horse therapy.

Registration is required at (248) 348-0115.

Basketball clinics begin

The 21st Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp will take place this year on Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug 4 at the Booker Dozier Recreational complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

The camps are for boys and girls ages 9-16 and are divided into age groups for basketball coaching. Classes for students ages 9-12 begin at 7:30 a.m. and for those 13-16 years of age begin at 12:30.

Parents or guardians are required to supply all transportation for students.

The classes are free and teach basic skills and fundamentals of basketball including shooting, passing, rebounding and defense.

For more information, contact director Freddie Smiley at (724) 890 2478 or visit www.InksterLegends.com.

Free Movie in the Park

The City of Romulus will host a Free Movie in the Park beginning at dusk, Friday, July 20 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

The movie this week will be Disney PIXAR COCO.

For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Senior games registration opens

A wide variety of events has been scheduled for senior citizens interested in competing in the Third Annual Canton Senior Games, which are scheduled to take place Aug. 20-23. Canton Club 55+ will offer a variety of events in which seniors may compete in for a nominal fee for a chance to win in their age category.

Events include:Sports Tournaments (golf, Pickleball, tennis, billiards), Cards/Wii Games (Euchre, Pinochle, Will bowling, trivia), and Field Games (bean bag toss, Bocce ball, softball throw, basketball shot, football toss and ring toss).

Competitions will take place throughout Canton at: Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, Heritage Park, Freedom Park and Griffin Park. Registration is now open online at www.cantonfun.org through Aug. 10. For additional information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at (734) 394-5485.

Memorial walk, yoga set

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host "The Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," with Dan Nevins beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

This special fundraiser will take place in Heritage Park, which is adjacent to the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for event day check-in or registration.

This event will begin with a 1-mile warm-up walk around the scenic ponds of Heritage Park, which will lead into the yoga session with Nevins, who has traveled the globe teaching and sharing the healing powers of yoga and purposeful thought. After the walk, participants of all ages and abilities can either choose to take part in the yoga session or just have coffee and listen to Nevins' talk.

All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are currently on sale now at www.cantonfun.org; search Dan Nevins. Tickets are $25 the week of the event and $30 on-site the day of the event. Participants will receive a tax statement at the end of 2018 stating the portion of the donation that is tax deductible. Veterans will receive free admission to this event.

Learn more about Nevins at www.dannevins.com.

For additional information about the "Lynn M. Bentley Memorial Walk, Talk and Yoga Event To Benefit The Wounded Warrior Project," visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

Sidewalk sales in Northville

Unique items from various downtown Northville merchants will be on sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, July 27 and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Community Band sets concert

The Belleville Community Band will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. July 28 at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Car show in downtown Northville

A celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Plymouth Owners Club will take place in downtown Northville from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

The car show will take place in conjunction with the Concours d'Elegance on July 29, at the Inn at St. John's. The Northville show is the Grand National Meet which takes place only once every 10 years.

Organizers said some of the finest, rarest, history-making vehicles will be in downtown streets on display.

This is a free event, open to the public.

Mother and Son outing set

Plymouth residents can cheer on the Detroit Tigers when they play the Cleveland Indians during the first-ever Mother-Son outing Sunday, July 29.

Participants in the event, hosted by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department, will depart from the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth at 10:30 a.m. July 29 for a trip to Comerica Park.

The afternoon will be full of fun, baseball and memories, organizers said. Event price includes tickets to the game as well as transportation to and from Comerica Park. Young men, 14 and younger can enjoy free carousel and Ferris wheel rides throughout the day and at the end of the game kids can run the bases, weather permitting. Tickets are $35/each and advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited.

No walk-ins can be accommodated.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Relay for Life event set

A Disney-themed Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 until 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 in Senior Center Park, 36525 Bibbins in Romulus.

The park is located behind the Senior Center off Olive Street.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour fundraising event with food, games, music and fun for the whole family. The event is open to the public.

For more information, visit RomulusRelay@gmail.com or text (734)754-3823.

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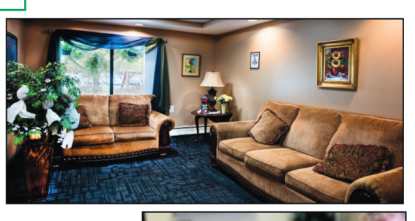

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